# **Administration's Message**

Dear Residents:

It was a beautiful day in the park on Saturday, July 10; the rain had stopped and the sun was shining brightly. What really made this such a special day was that residents came out to beautify Blackhawk Park. Several years ago the Indian Head Park Board established an Adopt-A-Spot Program. Over the years the Homeowners' Association and residents have beautified areas around the Village. The Village has been most appreciative of these endeavors. Recently, Celeste Gundlach and Carol Haynes submitted a proposal for enhancing the Blackhawk Park plantings in conjunction with the Adopt-A-Spot Program. The project will be done in stages with the help of volunteers and contributions. A check for \$100 was received from the Indian Head Park Woman's Club and some residents donated plantings. The Village would like to thank the following residents who gathered at the gazebo with their shovels, trowels and kneeling pads: Celeste Gundlach, Carol Haynes, Donna Gorecki, Kathi Graffam, Lisa Ranck, Nipp O'Neil, Elaine Terp, Karen Sendra, Susan Stonesypher, Cathy Lasky, Frank Accardi, Kathy G., Gertrude Siedlecki, Alberta Mytys and 10 year old Casey Moss. We also wish to thank Ed Santen, our Water/Public Works Superintendent, for all his advice and assistance. Numerous people walk the paths or enjoy just sitting on the benches and children play in the field. I applaud the efforts and hard work of these residents which made "Beautify Blackhawk Park" a huge success.

Not too long ago I took advantage of the Advisory Home Safety Inspection provided by Pleasantview Fire Protection District. This inspection is not subject to re-inspection unless requested. There is no charge for this service; the Fire Department is glad to help make your residence a safe place. The inspection includes the following: exterior, fire-place, heating equipment, hot water heater, electrical, fire safety precautions, appliances, kitchen safety and hazardous conditions such as cleaning materials and paint. Thanks to Fire Department representatives Dan Tholotowsky and Rick Danielson, I replaced the electrical wire in my garage that was not in a metal conduit and a flexible gas pipe connection to the furnace. They even returned to my home to install a fire extinguisher in my kitchen and replace old smoke detectors. Please take advantage of this wonderful service.

On September 18, the Village in conjunction with the Indian Head Park Heritage Foundation, will be hosting a "Foundation Day" at the Heritage Center from 12:00 noon to

3:00 p.m. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, soda and ice cream. The cost will be \$5 per person; children 12 years old and under will be free. At 3:30 p.m. the Village will host a big band concert in Blackhawk Park. At the Heritage Center, there will be a tour of the building and a book signing of "Bingo's Blessings: the true story of a humble dog", written by Cathy Toland and illustrated by her mother, Arline Willard. Bingo will also be there to lend a paw. If we have other authors in the Village, please contact me at the Village Hall.

Most residents know that the Heritage Center houses our library, but many may not know that it can be used by residents for other purposes. The Cub Scouts meet once a month at the Center; the Acacia Book Club and the Indian Head Park Woman's Club have gathered here. It is a perfect place for outdoor wedding pictures. Please contact the Village if you are interested in holding a small gathering at the Heritage Center.

The Indian Head Park Aging Well Initiative Committee will be hosting a second Town Hall Meeting in the fall. At a recent meeting, it was announced that Highland School teachers and staff are interested in intergenerational activities to enhance both the education of their students and Village interest. They have offered the hallways of the school for morning walking and a tutoring program for students using volunteer seniors has been started. Anyone interested should contact the school.

On June 23, Wayne Grane, Director of Administration and Public Safety, and I attended a meeting of the IRMA (Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency) Board of Directors to receive a plaque and a check for \$1,500 for achieving the "2003 Excellence in Public Risk Management" Award. The monetary award is to be utilized for the furtherance of our risk management program and shared with our employees for safety/protective equipment, additional risk management/safety training and application towards the cost of a health and wellness program. Congratulations to our Indian Head Park employees.

The Mayor and Village Board of Trustees extend their deepest sympathy to the family of James Royer who recently passed away on June 21. Mr. Royer was a former

## **Message** continued from page 1

President of the Greater Cincinnati Fraternal Order of Police and a Cincinnati Police Officer. Jim was a resident of Indian Head Park and served as a Trustee of the Village for seven years. He and his wife, Shirley, had moved to South Carolina.

> Respectfully Submitted. Anne Bermier, Trustee

P.S. Congratulations to Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II who was selected for the prestigious "40 under 40" designation by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. Matt was chosen from approximately 1200 nominees as one of 40 Chicagoland attorneys under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves and who are projected to be destined for even greater things. Speaking of greater things, congratulations to the Walsh Family, Cathy, Matt and Hope on the birth of Matthew Finnegan Walsh. Well done!!

## **Scheduled Meeting Dates**

## Village Board of Trustees:

Thursday, August 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 9, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

## **Planning and Zoning Commission:**

Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

#### **E-911 Board:**

Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Police Commission:**

Thursday, September 2, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

#### **VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK**

201 Acacia Drive, Indian Head Park, IL 60525 (708) 246-3080

#### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## **Timber Trails Update**

Thank you residents for the overwhelming response to the questionnaire concerning Timber Trails. The Village received 298 responses, representing 537 adults, in 8 days; approximately a 20% return. Phenomenal! The results are as follows:

## Question 1: What is your Vision?

Open Space	123
Single Family	55
Mixed Use	61
Town Center/Commercial	10
Other	55

(half of which consisted of a commercial component)

### Question 2: Would you be willing to pay for open space acquisition through additional taxes on your real estate?

Yes												10	8(
No												18	35

#### Question 3: Would you be willing to join the Pleasant Dale Park District?

Yes												86
No												151

## Number of Adults: = 537/298 Responses

A giant standing ovation to our Advisory Committee Members, i.e. Henry Daar, Sue Hurley, Mike Lopez, Mike McPartlin, Mario Stefanini, Mark Sullivan and Jack Yelnick. Special thanks to Village Board Environmental Advisor **Dick Crain** for his insight and dedication to public service.

## **Smoke Signals**

Newsletter Coordinator, Kathy Leach (708) 246-7099, extension 101 kleach@indianheadpark-il.gov

Volume 38, Number 1 Circulation 2000

Smoke Signals is published by the Village of Indian Head Park to inform its residents of present activities in the village and the ever-growing plans for the future in the pursuit of better government and good citizenship.

Teepee Topics news items should be submitted to the Newsletter Coordinator at the Municipal Offices.

Full page advertisements - \$200.00, 1/2 page advertisements -\$125.00, 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" size advertisements - \$75.00, business card size advertisements - \$45.00, trading post advertisements -\$20.00 (no commercial advertisements - the advertisement will run two times at no cost, then a \$20.00 charge).

Extra copies and back issues (up to one year) of Smoke Signals can be obtained at the Village Hall.

Deadline date for the next issue is August 23, 2004.

## Student News

LaGrange Highlands Middle School - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who achieved honor roll or honorable mention status at LaGrange Highlands Middle School: (Honor Roll) Lauren Baker, Anna Bosy, Claire Fisher, Lauren Gula, Karlyn Hilbrich, Evan Kriz, Shannon Toland, Brittany Yelnick, Katie Campbell, Vince Cefali, Angelo Christopher, Lauren Countryman, Megan Creighton, Meredith Dost, Justin Gouty, Sam Hasiakos, Maddy Hasler, Jessica Koziel, Lauren Mayer, Molly Minton, Nikki Romano, Michelle Sangirardi, Paul Schied, Jill Sullivan, Brian Trefil, Alyssa Whaley, Teresa Begy, Sarah Carlson, Kristen Conrath, Alisan Goetz, Christina Harazin, Haley Johnson, Katherine Klemchuk, Elena Knetl, Mark Koziel, Victoria Ronin and Annie Schied (Honorable Mention) Lauren Brooks, Kevin Campbell, Shannon Dominiak, Robert Johnson, Philip Legan, Daniel Unger, Timothy Appleyard, Grace Fisher, Ben Kabialis, Stephen Kovalsky, Nolan Morris, Brittney Pitello, Samantha Pitello, Renae Rawski, Kelley Ahlstrom, Jill Malinowski and Amy Sheneman.

Pleasantdale School District 107 - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who earned honor roll status at Pleasantdale School: (Gold Honor Roll) Katelyn Perrino, Katherine Bailey, Simeon Tzolov, Antoinette Valenta (Silver Honor Roll) Snjezana Jovanovic, Charlotte Mikat-Stevens, Sarah Johnson, Molly Strickland (Bronze Honor Roll) Neal Radevski, Patrick Hardy, Jacqueline Novak, Bridget Anselmo and Michael Valenta. Congratulations to the eight grade graduates Class of 2004: Courtney Breit, Sarah Johnson, Harley Lonergan, Molly Strickland, Simeon Tzolov and Antoinette Valenta.

**University of Iowa** - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who earned degrees at the University of Iowa: Rudy Voit (communication studies) and Michael Wortel (English).

**Elmhurst College** - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the dean's list at Elmhurst College and who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or better for the spring semester: Justin Hegner and Don Kovach.

**College of DuPage** - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the spring quarter honors list: Conor Burke, Lois Fagin, Daniel Opila, Jennifer Sass, Philip Sulentic and Barbara Wood.

**Nazareth Academy** - Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll for the second semester at Nazareth Academy: Samantha Matkovich, Cate Gula and Daniel Pellegrino.

University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign - Carrie Truckenbrodt will be a senior at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Carrie is studying speech communications and is serving as vice-president of membership for Delta Gamma sorority and is a former Delta Gamma Director of alumni relations. Congratulations to Michael P. Pellegrino who was named to the Spring 2004 Dean's List at the University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign. Placement on the Dean's List is a distinguished honor to students whose grade point average ranks in the upper 20 percent of their college. Keep up the good work Mike!

**North Park University - Chicago -** Congratulations to Peter Carlson who was named to the dean's list at North park University in Chicago. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.



## ADOPT A SPOT Beautify Blackhawk Park

On Saturday, July 10th many Village residents devoted the morning to weeding, planting and trimming in Blackhawk Park near the gazebo area. Many thanks to the efforts of volunteers who participated. The Adopt-A-Spot Program makes it possible for volunteers to select a Village planting area and assume the responsibility for its care and maintenance. The gazebo planting area is quite large and requires routine maintenance. Many people walk the park daily and sit on the benches. Children of all ages play in the field. If you and/or a friend/s would be interested in adopting a spot in the gazebo planting area or another location in Blackhawk Park, please call Celeste Gundlach at 246-5841 or Carol Haynes at 246-3494. Many thanks to Superintendent Ed Santen and his crews for their assistance as well as the Indian Head Park Woman's Club who made a generous donation to beautify the park.

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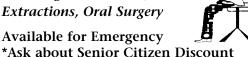
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## From the Chief's Office

Just a reminder to keep your car doors locked and do not leave valuables or packages in your vehicle that are visible. Remember the old adage "locks keep the honest folk honest"? Well it is as true today as ever. Recently, we had a neighbor who left her purse with a wallet and cellular phone on the front seat of her car, unlocked with the windows down. When she returned to the vehicle after visiting one of the local stores for a short time, everything was gone! Most crime is a crime of opportunity, so please keep your vehicles locked and your valuables secure to deter crime.

# **Southwest Suburban Center** on Aging

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging will be hosting the following upcoming programs for seniors at the Senior Center in LaGrange: "Where Did I put My Keys" - Tuesday, August 17th at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Current event discussion groups will begin September 21st and Yoga classes on September 14th. For further details, please contact the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging at (708) 354-1323.

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## **NOTEWORTHY LETTER** CITY OF ELMHURST 209 NORTH YORK STREET THOMAS D. MARCUCUI ELMHURST, ILLINOIS 60126-2755 MAYUR JANET S. EINGLEY CITY CLIEK DAVID J. DYER CITY TREASURER THOMAS P. BORCLIERT (630) 530-3000 FAX (630) 530-3014 www.elmhurst.org July 22, 2004 The Honorable Richard Pellegrino City of Indian Head Park 201 Acacia Dr. Indian Head Park, IL 60525 City of Elmhurst and Northern Illinois Police Alarm - (NIPAS) DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force Dear Mayor Pellegrino I wish to thank you for your community's support to Elmhurst's Police Chief Steve Neubauer's call for assistance. Friday evening, July 16, 2004, the Elmhurst community was facing a tragedy and serious threat to public safety warranting more attention than Elmhurst's own police department could hope to provide. Your community support, leveraged by the support of 72 other communities, is most sincerely appreciated. I am confident that the focused and timely response not only led to a quick arrest of the suspect, but also a thorough and effective gathering of evidence to support the State's Attorney who has charged the suspect with first degree murder. Thank you again for your support. You can count on the City of Elmhurst Police Department to respond to your community should you call. Very truly yours, ~ W. MI l'homas D. Marcucci

# **Indian Head Park Heritage Center Library Hours**

The Village of Indian Head Park Heritage Center, located at 6250 Wolf Road, is open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A variety of self-help tapes and educational materials have recently been acquired and are available to residents at the Heritage Center.

#### Advertisement

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## NOTEWORTHY LETTER

June 8, 2004

Walgreen Company Mr. Edward H. King, Director Government and Community Relations Mail Stop#2255 200 Wilmot Road Deerfield, Illinois 60015

Dear Mr. King:

As Village President/Mayor of the Village of Indian Head Park, I am excited about informing the Walgreen Company of a once in a life time opportunity for Walgreens to positively impact the west suburban geographic region. In this regard, it has been recently announced the Timber Trails Country Club located in unincorporated western Cook County consisting of one hundred and five (105) pristine rolling acreage and well over one thousand (1,000) mature trees will be sold at auction on August 17, 2004.

The subject property is bordered by the Village of Indian Head Park, Western Springs, the LaGrange Highlands, Hinsdale and in proximity to Burr Ridge and Willowbrook. Approximately four years ago, we in Indian Head Park were fortunate enough to have one of your retail outlets locate in our Village. Additionally, several of your other stores are located in the aforementioned communities. Specifically, the opening auction bid has been set by the present private sector owners at 15 million dollars. Bidding parameters have been estimated by real estate professionals to be in the 20 to 40 million dollar range.

Accordingly, it is the humble opinion of the undersigned that a company such as Walgreens with a reputation for responsiveness and reinvesting in its host communities would be an "appropriate stakeholder" to acquire the property and preserve the natural beauty of the landscape: with the consequence of facilitating the regional environment and quality of life. As such, a rare opportunity has manifested by which those of vision can protect an undeveloped sanctuary for this generation and for all generations to follow.

Lastly, should the Walgreen Company be disposed to acquire this property, it would be analogous to the generosity of other corporate leaders such as International Harvester who established a nature sanctuary called the "Katherine Legge Memorial Park" in the Village of Hinsdale and the Morton family who endowed the "Arboretum" in the Village of Lisle.

Your time and consideration is greatly appreciated. Should you need any additional data or wish to discuss this on a personal basis, please do not hesitate to contact me at (708) 246-3137.

Sincerely, Richard F. Pellegrino Mayor



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Block Sale . . . The 31st annual Hiwatha Lane Block Sale will be held Saturday, August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., so mark your calendars and join in the selling fun or the buying frenzy. Call Mariann or Julie at (708) 246-6658 for information.

Garage ..... Space for rent in Acacia, \$70 per month. Contact Jean at (708) 246-6635.

For Sale.... Electric scooter with battery charger, \$800.00
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For Sale.... Transporter wheelchair. Excellent condition, \$75.00. Please call John at (708) 246-7622.

For Sale.... Art and antiques. Please call John at (708) 205-4099.

## TEEPEE<u> \*\*\* Topics</u>

The Lyons Township Board of Trustees will be hosting a Senior Fair at 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside on Tuesday, August 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please join us at this event for the following: Secretary of State Jesse White will present a review of the Rules of the Road and state photo identification cards for residents age 65 or older (reservations required), State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, Cash Dash, Community Nurses of LaGrange, Blood Pressure Screening, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Consumer Fraud, Waddell and Reed, State Farm, Katherine Dierkes, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medicare, Plymouth Place, and much more! Please contact Mary Jo Noonan, the Township Clerk at (708) 482-8300, extension 211 or 221 for further details.

Lisa Callahan-Kay, was honored at the Cook County Crime Stoppers Annual Awards Luncheon on June 22, 2004 for her exceptional performance as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney. Lisa is the daughter of long time Indian Head Park residents Eugene and Kathleen Callahan and the wife of Michael R. Key. Lisa lost her long battle with cancer in November of 2003.

On July 31st Norm and Shari Wiessmann will be retiring from Norm's Cha Lor Flowers and relocating to Flagstaff, Arizona. For over 30 years, Norm and Shari, previous owners of Norm's Cha Lor Flowers, enjoyed working in the business and they wish everyone the best. Although the ownership of Norm's Cha Lor Flowers has changed over the past two years, Norm and Shari stayed on during that time to share their knowledge of the florist business with the new owners, who will continue to provide excellent service to the community.

**Support our Troops . . .** Last March, General Motors in Bolingbrook, U.A.W. Local #2114 Veteran's Committee, U.A.W. Local #2114 and the Region 4 U.A.W. Veterans Women's Round Table initiated a program to collect needed

supplies to sent them to our troops serving in the Middle East. The program, "Operation Stars and Stripes" sends packages to our troops that are currently overseas. This operation helps to get those "basic necessities" out to our troops who do not have easy access to such amenities while they are serving our Country. To date, approximately 1040 packages have been sent to men and women serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf. If you wish to become involved by making a donation to Operation Stars and Stripes, please contact Meredith Kelly at (708) 447-6017, Chairperson of Operations Stars and Stripes. The following items are being accepted by this organization to send them overseas to our troops: Shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, eye drops, skin lotion, lip balm, Q-tips, aspirin, powdered drink mixes (lemonade, Gatorade, iced tea, coffee and hot chocolate), white cotton socks, mixed nuts, peanut butter, gum, instant oatmeal, instant cup of soup, crackers, breakfast and energy bars, macaroni and cheese, canned soups and canned fruits.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a 5 mile non-competitive walk which will be held on Sunday, October 17 at Chicago's beautiful lakefront hosted by the American Cancer Society. It is a pledged walk, mostly from corporate and company teams (of any number) and there is no registration fee or minimum amount that each person must raise for this pledged walk. The Society anticipates that 10,000 walkers will join this event with the hope to raise \$1,000,000 for much needed breast cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services for breast cancer patients and their families. For further details, visit the following Website: www.cancer.org/stridesonline

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families and friends of residents who recently departed: Walter F. Kinnucan Jr., David V. Yu and Carol M. Maxa as well as former resident Ruth Gurrie.



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